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This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3) before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits. Thus, this Information Disclosure Statement should be entered and considered.

- 1. PCT International Application Publication No. WO 98/13493, published April 2, 1998 (Exhibit 1);
- PCT International Application Publication No. WO 98/54325, published December 3, 1998 (Exhibit 2);

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- 3. PCT International Application Publication No. WO 01/64717
 A1, published September 7, 2001 (Exhibit 3);
- 4. PCT International Application Publication No. WO 01/64949
 A2, published September 7, 2001 (Exhibit 4);
- 5. Aubert, J. et al., (2002) "Functional Gene Screening in Embryonic Stem Cells Implicates Wnt Antagonism in Neural Differentiation", Nature Biotechnology 20:1240-1245 (Exhibit 5);
- 6. Bradbury, J., (2003) "Wnt Helps Blood Stem Cells Tick Over", The Lancet 361:1528 (Exhibit 6);
- 7. Constantinescu, S., (2003) "Stemness, Fusion and Renewal of Hematopoietic and Embryonic Stem Cells" J. Cell. Mol. Med., 7(2):103-112 (Exhibit 7);
- 8. Eaves, J.C., (2003) "Manipulating Hematopoietic Stem Cell Amplification with Wnt" Nature Immunology 4(6):511-512 (Exhibit 8);
- 9. Murdoch, B. et al., (2003) "Wnt-5A Augments Repopulating Capacity and Primitive Hematopoietic Development of Human Blood Stem Cells *In Vivo*", PNAS, 100(6):3422-3427 (Exhibit 9);

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- 10. Melkonyan, S.H. et al., (1997) "SARPs: A Family of Secreted Apoptosis-Related Proteins", Proc. Natl. Acad.

 Sci. USA 94:13636-13641 (Exhibit 10);
- 11. Rattner, A. et al., (1997) "A Family of Secreted Proteins Contains Homology to the Cysteine-Rich Ligand-Binding Domain of Frizzled Receptors", Proc. Natl. Acadl Sci. USA 2859-2863 (Exhibit 11);
- 12. Reya, T. et al., (2003) "A Role for Wnt Signalling in Self-Renewal of Haematopoietic Stem Cells", Nature 423:409-414 (Exhibit 12);
- 13. Reya, T. et al., (2001) "Stem Cells, Cancer, and Cancer Stem Cells", Nature 414:105-111 (Exhibit 13);
- 14. Reya, T., (2005) "Regulation of Hematopoietic Stem Cells Self-Renewal", rphr.endojournals.org 283-295 (Exhibit 14);
- 15. Üren, A. et al., (2000) "Secreted Frizzled-Related Protein-1 Binds Directly to Wingless and Is a Biphasic Modualtor of Wnt Signaling", The Journal of Biological Chemistry 275:4374-4382 (Exhibit 15); and
- 16. Willert et al. (2003) "Wnt Proteins are Lipid-Modified and can Act Stem Cell Growth Factors", Nature 423:448-452 (Exhibit 16).

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Applicants request that the Examiner review the references and make them of record in the subject application.

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